

Application Serial No. 10/624,385  
Amendment dated October 20, 2004  
Reply to Office Action of September 30, 2004

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The present application claims the benefit of the filing date of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/403,616; filed August 14, [2003] 2002, the disclosure of which is expressly incorporated herein by reference.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 29 and bridging to page 7, line 4 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The outlet scoop piece [24] 23 also has an oval or elliptical body 44 in cross-section, similar to the configuration of the inlet scoop piece [23] 22. The body has a mouth 46 at a forward/upstream end of the outlet scoop piece and an internal flow passage 47. The mouth 46 has an oval or elliptical receiving [cavity] channel 48 opening outwardly/forwardly from the body. The channel 48 has a flat oval/elliptical end wall 50, normal to the central axis of the outlet scoop piece, and generally a configuration which closely receives and bounds bead 27 on the inlet scoop piece (see Fig. 2).--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 16, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The outlet scoop piece [24] 23 is preferably also formed from plastic, in one piece, unitary with the cowl 12 of the air cleaner. As with the inlet scoop piece, this can occur during the manufacturing process of the cowl; and can be accomplished in the same manner, such as rotomolding. Alternatively, the outlet scoop piece can be separately formed and then later attached as an integral unit to the cowl; however again, in this case, it is preferred that the attachment be permanent and secure, such as with adhesive, such that the cowl and outlet scoop piece be a single component prior to assembly with the

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engine so as to reduce stock keeping units and avoid additional cost and expense in assembling the outlet scoop piece with the cowl. The outlet scoop piece could also be formed directly and unitarily with the housing of the air cleaner, or with some other component of the air cleaner assembly.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 27 and bridging to page 8, line 10, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--When the inlet scoop piece 22 is assembled with the outlet scoop piece 23, the mouth 25 of the inlet scoop piece 22 is closely received in the channel 48 of the outlet scoop piece, with the cooperation between the closely-fitting components properly, easily and quickly aligning the inlet scoop piece 22 with the outlet scoop piece [24] 23. The mouth 25 of the inlet scoop piece is inwardly and outwardly bounded and supported, with the mouth 46 of the outlet scoop piece closely receiving the outer diameter of bead 27, and the lip 56 closely inwardly bounding end wall 28. The flat formed end wall 28 of the inlet scoop piece sits flush against the flat end wall 50 of the channel in the outlet scoop piece. When the components are so aligned, the flanges 40 on the inlet scoop piece 22 become properly aligned with the flanges 60 on the outlet scoop piece [24] 23, and fasteners 64, such as bolts or clips can be inserted through the respective openings to securely fix the inlet scoop piece to the outlet scoop piece. Other fasteners rather than bolts or clips can of course be used (for example a band clamp), as long as such fasteners preferably are simple and easy to use, and do not require significant access on the engine to minimize the space necessary for the water separator.--

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 19 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--A second embodiment of the water separator is shown in Figure 5. In this embodiment, the water separation feature of the water separator is provided with the inlet scoop piece 22, rather than the outlet scoop piece [24] 23. Specifically, a lip 70 is provided integral (unitary) with the mouth 25 of the inlet scoop piece, rather than with the outlet scoop piece, and projects rearwardly therefrom to define the upstream-facing water separation cavity 57. The mouth 25 otherwise is closely received in the channel 48 at the forward end of the outlet scoop piece [24] 23, with the channel configured to both inwardly and outwardly bound and support the mouth 25. The remaining structure of the inlet scoop piece and outlet scoop piece is preferably the same as in the first embodiment described above.--